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FOR PROTOCOL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: APPLICATIONS TO PRC DIPLOMATS OF ANTITERRORISM

SCREENING PROCEDURES INCIDENT TO BOARDING COMMERCIAL
AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 24485; OTTAWA 417

1. WAIVER OF SCREENING PROCEDURES FOR PRC DIPLOMATS
DISCUSSED FEB 5 WITH S. T. GRANT (EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY, MOT) WHO CONFIRMED INFORMATION IN
OUR 417. HE SUGGESTED THAT PRC REQUESTS IN SOME WAY RELATED
TO ITS NONMEMBERSHIP IN ICAO, FELT THAT MOST AMBASSADORS
FROM STATES MEMBERS OF ICAO REFLECT ICAO CONCERNS WITH
ANTI-TERRORISM AND DO NOT REQUEST WAIVERS.

2. GRANT ALSO TOLD TCO THAT HIS OFFICE MAINTAINS NO
CENTRAL RECORD OF NUMBER OF OCCASIONS ON WHICH WAIVERS HAVE
BEEN GRANTED NOR OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE REQUESTED THEM.
APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION WOULD BE MADE BY EMBASSY
CONCERNED TO AIRLINE AND/OR AIRPORT MANAGER AT POINT OF
BOARDING AND WOULD BE PROCESSED LOCALLY. ONLY IF AIRLINE OR
MANAGER HAD QUESTION AS TO WHETHER PARTICULAR APPLI-
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CATION MET CRITERIA OF EXTAFF CIRCULAR NOTE WOULD CASE

BE REFERED TO OTTAWA. THIS HAPPENED WITH RESPECT TO THE PING PONG PLAYERS AND THE WAIVER WAS REFSUED. GRANT ALSO INDICATED THAT SOME MONTHS AGO THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE (ITC) REQUESTED BLANKET WAIVERS FOR MEMBERS OF PRC TRADE MISSIONS VISITING CANADA, BUT MOT RESISTED THIS. MOT REQUESTED THAT ITC PUT THE REQUEST IN WRITING WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING SOME CRITERIA UNDER WHICH THE REQUEST MIGHT BE GIVEN MORE ATTENTION, BUT THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE TO DATE. GRANT AGREED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE PRC EMBASSY HAS MADE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS TO SECURE WAIVERS IN THESE CASES, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW THIS.

3. COMMENT: GRANT INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE U.S. CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY PROGRAM PERMITS DIPLOMATIC WAIVERS, BUT THAT HE DID NOT HAVE A TEXT OF THE REGULATION. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED FORWARD TEXT OR SUMMARY TO EMBASSY FOR ITS OWN USE AND FOR PASSING TO MOT. PORTER

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